



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 21, 2000

### **S. 2705**

#### **Presidential Transition Act of 2000**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs on June 14, 2000*

S. 2705 would clarify that a newly elected President may use funds authorized under the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to provide training to individuals that he or she intends to nominate as department heads or appoint to key positions in the Executive Office of the President. The bill also would direct the General Services Administration (GSA) to develop a transition directory for the incoming Administration. The directory would include information on each department and agency, as well as important federal publications. Finally, the bill would direct the Office of Government Ethics to report on ways to streamline and standardize the financial disclosure process for incoming Administration appointees.

Subject to the availability of funds, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would increase the costs of a Presidential transition by less than \$500,000. (The current Administration has requested \$7.1 million for transition costs in 2001.) Our estimate of incremental cost assumes that the training authorized by S. 2705 would apply to relatively few individuals and that the transition directory would largely compile information from existing publications and materials.

Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 2705 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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